

## Building and construction

Building and construction constitutes one of the largest industries in Denmark. One out of four workers in the private sector are employed with either production of building materials, construction, consulting or the operation and maintenance of houses and buildings.

The construction sector accounts for approximately 10% of Denmark's total exports. Even though Europe remains the most important export market, 24% of the total export value comes from export to non-European markets. In recent years Danish imports of construction materials from Thailand have increased considerably and exceeds exports.

The Danish construction industry enjoys a long tradition of quality and sustainability in architecture, workmanship and components – Danish houses are among the best and most durable in the world. Danish architectural design is considered world class as witnessed by the world famous Sydney Opera House by the Danish architect Jørn Utzon, as well as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Saudi Arabia by Henning Larsen. Globalisation has not come unnoticed in this sector and many Danish architects are presently in the process of building up an interesting international portfolio to supplement their domestic activities.

With regard to export perspectives in the building and construction sector, Danish manufacturers deserve recognition for their advanced, unique and environmentally friendly products of high quality. Additionally, the entire building and construction sector is characterised by increased spending on research and development in the building process. Focus is put on optimising the different building processes by using sophisticated IT planning tools.

By co-operating with Danish companies within these sectors, Thai companies can benefit from the highly developed production methods and systems and know-how of Danish companies.

Danish Construction Association: [www.danskbyggeri.dk](http://www.danskbyggeri.dk)

The Architects' Association of Denmark: [www.arkitektforeningen.dk](http://www.arkitektforeningen.dk)

Danish Association of Architectural Firms: [www.danskeark.org](http://www.danskeark.org)

Danish Architecture Centre: [www.dac.dk](http://www.dac.dk)